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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT AND
THE WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
SEARCHING AUTHORITY, OR THE DECLARATION

To:

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(PCT Rule 44.1)

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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.

PCT/US2004/017906

International filing date
(day/month/year)

04/06/2004

Applicant

HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC.

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are transmitted herewith.
3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:
- ☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
- ☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. Reminders

Shortly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

The applicant may submit comments on an informal basis on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will send a copy of such comments to all designated Offices unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established. These comments would also be made available to the public but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

Within 19 months from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months.

See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

Date of mailing
(day/month/year) see form PCT/SA/210 (second sheet)

Applicant's or agent's file reference
see form PCT/SA/220

FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

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04.06.2004

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06.06.2003

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC
H01L23/373

Applicant
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/SA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/SA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/SA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.
PCT/US2004/017906

Box No. II Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not been furnished:

- ☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
- ☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
3. ☐ It has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim because a copy of the priority document was not available to the ISA at the time that the search was conducted (Rule 17.1). This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.
4. Additional observations, if necessary:

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-7,10-14,19-25,28-32
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	8,9,15-18,26,27,33-36
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-36
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Items V and VIII.

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-B-6 504 242 (DAYTON KRISTOPHER E ET AL) 7 January 2003 (2003-01-07)

D2: US-A-5 981 085 (HIDENO AKIRA ET AL) 9 November 1999 (1999-11-09)

D3: US 2003/047814 A1 (KWON HEUNG KYU) 13 March 2003 (2003-03-13)

D4: US-A-2 439 935 (BIERLY NEVIN R ET AL) 20 April 1948 (1948-04-20)

2 The application does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT, because claims 15-18 and 33-35 are not clear.

2.1 The relative term "low" used in claims 15-17 and 33-35 has no well-recognised meaning and leaves the reader in doubt as to the meaning of the technical features to which it refers, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claims unclear, Article 6 PCT.

2.2 The term "flash" used in claims 17 and 35 is vague and unclear and leaves the reader in doubt as to the meaning of the technical features to which it refers, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claims unclear, Article 6 PCT.

2.3 The category of device claims 17 and 18 is rendered unclear by the use of the method step "produces" and "deposited using electrodeposition" respectively. Therefore, claims 17 and 18 are unclear, Article 6 PCT.

2.4 Concerning method claim 33, the wording "comprising a layer...silicide former" do not refer to a method step. This render the claim unclear, Article 6 PCT.

3 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of independent claims 1 and 19 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

3.1 Concerning claim 1, document D1 discloses (see figure 1 and corresponding text):

A thermal transfer material, comprising:
a heat spreader component 16, wherein the heat spreader component comprises a top surface, a bottom surface and at least one heat spreader material, and at least one solder material 14, wherein the solder material is directly deposited onto the bottom surface of the heat spreader component 16.

3.2 The argumentation in item 3.1 is also valid concerning claim 19.

4 Dependent claims 2-18 and 20-36 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step, see documents D1-D4 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

4.1 The additional features of claims 2-6,10,20-24,28 are fully anticipated by document D1.

4.2 The additional features of claims 7-9 and 25-27 are disclosed or rendered obvious for the skilled person by document D2.

4.3 Document D3 discloses the use of a solder material 20 consisting of "tin-lead alloy with additives such as silver" to attach an IC chip 10 to an heat spreader component 30, thereby depriving claims 10-14 and 28-32 of novelty. Document D3 further discloses a thermal transfer material comprising a noble metal (titanium) and silver or palladium. This renders the subject-matter of claims 15-17 and 33-35 (as far as it can be understood) obvious for the skilled person.

4.4 Concerning claims 18 and 36, the method consisting in electrodepositing a solder to a surface of a metallic member is well-known in the art (see for instance document D4). This render the subject-matter of claims 18 and 36 obvious for the skilled person.